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Report Highlights:

As a result of reduced 2001 production, final MY 2001 trade figures show a 13 percent year-to-year increase in pear imports and decreases in exports for both apples (-5 percent) and pears (-32 percent). For 2002, post-harvest production estimates place apple production at the same level as 2001, while pear production almost doubled to just below the 2000 level.

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Executive Summary

Following completion of the 2002 harvest, domestic production estimates have been increased for both apples (up 2 percent from 2001, to 351,600 MT) and pears (up 90 percent from 2001, to 172,185 MT). (See GAIN BE2031 for previous update). As a result, the forecast of MY 2002 apple imports has been decreased by 10,000 MT (to 240,000 MT), the apple export forecast has been raised by 20,000 MT (to 340,000 MT) and the apple processing forecast is increased by 5,000 MT (to 65,000 MT). For pears, OAA's forecast of MY 2002 imports is reduced by 5,000 MT (to 65,000 MT) and the export forecast is raised by 17,000 MT (to 185,000 MT).

Apples

Post-harvest estimates set 2002 apple production about 2 percent above the 2001 production. While apple prices were about 20 percent below average MY 2001 prices during harvest, they have since recovered to MY 2001 levels.

PSD Table						
Country	Belgium-Luxembourg					
Commodity	Fresh Apples				(HA)(1000 TREES)(MT)	
	Revised	2000	Preliminary	2001	Forecast	2002
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		07/2000		07/2001		07/2002
Area Planted	0	17100	0	11900	0	12000
Area Harvested	0	10285	0	9500	0	10900
Bearing Trees	0	18550	0	20000	0	20000
Non-Bearing Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Trees	0	18550	0	20000	0	20000
Commercial Production	506640	506640	340064	340064	310460	348100
Non-Comm. Production	5000	5000	3500	3500	3500	3500
TOTAL Production	511640	511640	343564	343564	313960	351600
TOTAL Imports	229941	229941	235000	236091	250000	240000
TOTAL SUPPLY	741581	741581	578564	579655	563960	591600
Domestic Fresh Consump	206551	206551	184478	177489	183860	184100
Exports, Fresh Only	354285	354285	331500	337609	320000	340000
For Processing	140000	140000	62500	64400	60000	65000
Withdrawal From Market	40745	40745	86	157	100	2500
TOTAL UTILIZATION	741581	741581	578564	579655	563960	591600

Import Trade Matrix			
Country	Belgium-Luxembourg		
Commodity	Fresh Apples		
Time period	July/June	Units:	Metric Tons
Imports for:	MY2000		MY2001
U.S.		U.S.	56
Others		Others	
France	50,700		45,909
Netherlands	41,509		39,766
Germany	4,852		2,974
Italy	14,387		13,007
South Africa	10,080		14,504
New-Zealand	76,919		76,726
Argentina	21,536		27,758
Total for Others	219,983		220,644
Others not Listed	9958		15,391
Grand Total	229,941		236,091

Export Trade Matrix			
Country	Belgium-Luxembourg		
Commodity	Fresh Apples		
Time period	July/June	Units:	Metric tons
Exports for:	MY2000		MY2001
U.S.		U.S.	
Others		Others	
France	36,933		39,975
Netherlands	67,077		68,503
Germany	134,460		134,377
United Kingdom	7,037		5,306
Russia	56,847		31,492
Total for Others	302,354		279,653
Others not Listed	51,931		57,956
Grand Total	354,285		337,609

Sources: National Bank of Belgium and STATEC-Luxembourg

Pears

As 2002 pear production has almost doubled compared to 2001 and is only 5 percent below the 2000 crop, OAA expects imports to decrease to the 2000 level and exports to recover to about 5 percent below the 2000 level. These forecasts are supported by year-to-date pear marketing figures. As a result of increased supply, pear prices in MY 2002 are about 45 percent below MY 2001 levels.

PSD Table						
Country	Belgium-Luxembourg					
Commodity	Fresh Pears				(HA)(1000 TREES)(MT)	
	Revised	2000	Preliminary	2001	Forecast	2002
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		07/2000		07/2001		07/2002
Area Planted	0	6888	0	7135	0	7350
Area Harvested	0	5762	0	6600	0	6850
Bearing Trees	0	8480	0	9500	0	9800
Non-Bearing Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Trees	0	8480	0	9500	0	9800
Commercial Production	181259	181259	88676	88676	146190	170985
Non-Comm. Production	1800	1800	1000	1000	1200	1200
TOTAL Production	183059	183059	89676	89676	147390	172185
TOTAL Imports	63957	63957	90000	85766	70000	65000
TOTAL SUPPLY	247016	247016	179676	175442	217390	237185
Domestic Fresh Consump	45471	45471	45408	40419	45500	45185
Exports, Fresh Only	195194	195194	132500	132441	168000	185000
For Processing	2500	2500	1500	2300	2000	2500
Withdrawal From Market	3851	3851	268	282	1890	4500
TOTAL UTILIZATION	247016	247016	179676	175442	217390	237185

Import Trade Matrix			
Country	Belgium-Luxembourg		
Commodity	Fresh Pears		
Time period	July/June	Units:	Metric Tons
Imports for:	MY2000		MY2001
U.S.		U.S.	
Others		Others	
France	7,094		11,198
Netherlands	10,851		8,980
Spain	2,957		8,693
Argentina	28,023		33,309
South Africa	10,887		15,762
Total for Others	59,812		77,942
Others not Listed	4,145		7,824
Grand Total	63,957		85,766

Export Trade Matrix			
Country	Belgium-Luxembourg		
Commodity	Fresh Pears		
Time period	July/June	Units:	Metric Tons
Exports for:	MY2000		MY2001
U.S.		U.S.	
Others		Others	
France	29,158		21,525
Netherlands	29,800		23,176
Germany	38,164		30,670
United Kingdom	21,062		9,087
Norway	7,201		7,267
Spain	24,630		6,341
Russia	21,583		19,840
Total for Others	171,598		117,906
Others not Listed	23,596		14,535
Grand Total	195,194		132,441

Sources: National Bank of Belgium and STATEC-Luxembourg